

Mr. WOOLLASTON'S

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In Relation to a Breach of PRIVILEGE Committed
by Mr. ROBERT THOMPSON, and others.

Mr. Woollaston in October 1697. came to an Agreement with one Mr. Thompson, to Hire of him *Woodhall-Park*, and other Lands in the County of *Hertford*; being the Estate of one *Philip Butler*, Esq; an Infant. He the said *Thompson*, being then Tenant to the Premisses, and was to Pay 60*l. per Annum* Rent, besides some Venison and Rabbits; and was to give the said *Thompson* Twenty Guineas to procure him a Lease of the said Premisses for Five Years. And in pursuance of the said Agreement, the said Mr. Woollaston entred upon the Premisses, and was thereof Possessed, and Paid all Parish Duties, and other Taxes and Charges in Keeping and Maintaining of the Deer all the Winter long, and also in Keeping and Repairing the House and Gardens: And that he made little or no Benefit or Advantage of the same, although in quiet Possession until the Sixth of *July* last; being the last Day but one of the last Sessions of Parliament. At which time, when the Profit was to be made of the Premisses by the said Mr. Woollaston, then Mr. *Thompson*, Mr. *Samuel Robinson*, *John Plummer*, *John Crane*, *Samuel Seagins*, *Joseph Biggs*, *John Crabb*, *Richard Nash*, *James Pendrid*, *Nicholas Bickerton*, *William Ansell*, *Thomas Waller*, and *Edmund Chambers*, with divers others, came in a Riotous manner with Clubs, Staves, and other Weapons, when they knew Mr. Woollaston was Absent, and in the Service of the House the last Sessions of Parliament, and Entred the said Premisses, kept his Servants Prisoners all that Day and the next Night, and while they kept his Servants Prisoners, they went and Killed the Deer in the Park; and then came and Entred the House with a great Rabble, and turned the said Mr. Woollaston's Servants out of Possession of the said House, and seized upon his, and his Servants Goods, and his Cattle in the Park; as also upon a Gentleman's Goods that was then in the House, a Friend of the said Mr. Woollaston; and that in so Inhumane and Barbarous a manner, that they would not so much as leave a Bed for him or his Wife or Children to lie on: And likewise set on several Men to Mow down the Grass, pretending all this was for Arrears of Rent, wheras indeed there was no Rent due.

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